

**I. Listing of Claims:**

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended): An airbag for use in a motor vehicle comprising:

an airbag cover enclosing a gas chamber and having an exterior surface facing an exterior environment; and at least one venting arrangement which fluidly connects the gas chamber to ~~[[an]]~~ the exterior environment, wherein

a gas flow is throttled or blocked by the venting arrangement when a certain area of the airbag cover meets an obstacle, and

the venting arrangement includes at least one opening in the airbag cover, and

the venting arrangement also includes at least one tube disposed on the exterior surface of the airbag cover and connected with the airbag cover in which the at least one opening ends, and the tube includes an exit opening to the exterior environment.

2. (Previously Presented): An airbag according to Claim 1, wherein the exit opening is one end of the tube.

3. (Previously Presented): An airbag according to Claim 2, wherein two ends of the tube are exit openings.

4. (Currently Amended): An airbag according to Claim 1, wherein the tube includes a fabric element fixed on the airbag cover ~~[[,]]~~ so that a part of the tube walls are formed of a section of the airbag cover.

5. (Previously Presented): An airbag according to Claim 4, wherein the fabric element is located on the side of the airbag cover which faces occupants of the motor vehicle.

6. (Currently Amended): An airbag according to Claim 1 ~~[[,]]~~ further comprising a plurality of openings ~~and~~ ending in the at least one tube.

7. (Currently Amended): An airbag according to Claim 1 ~~[[,]]~~ further comprising at least one additional opening in the airbag cover positioned such that the additional opening does not end in the at least one tube.

8. (Currently Amended): A motor vehicle including a side airbag, the side airbag comprising:

an airbag cover enclosing a gas chamber and having an exterior surface facing an exterior environment; and at least one venting arrangement which fluidly connects the gas chamber to [[an]] the exterior environment, ~~[[and]]~~ wherein

a gas flow is throttled or blocked when a certain area of the airbag cover meets an obstacle, ~~wherein~~ and

the venting arrangement includes at least one opening in the airbag cover, and

the venting arrangement also includes at least one tube disposed on the exterior surface of the airbag cover and connected with the airbag cover ~~[[,]]~~ in which the at least one opening ends, ~~[[and]]~~ the tube includes an exit opening to ~~[[an]]~~ the exterior environment, and the tube is located at a shoulder height of a fiftieth percentile male when located in a normal seating position with the airbag expanded.

9. (Currently Amended): A motor vehicle including a front airbag, the front airbag comprising:

an airbag cover enclosing a gas chamber and having an exterior surface that faces an exterior environment and which includes ~~including~~ an impact surface; and at least one venting arrangement which fluidly connects the gas chamber to ~~[[an]]~~ the exterior environment, wherein

a gas flow is throttled or blocked when a certain area of the airbag cover meets an obstacle, and

the venting arrangement includes at least one opening in the airbag cover, and

~~the venting tube~~ venting arrangement also includes at least one tube disposed on the exterior surface of the airbag cover and connected with the airbag cover ~~[[,]]~~ in which the at least one opening ends, and the tube includes an exit opening to the exterior environment.

10. (Previously Presented): A motor vehicle according to Claim 9, wherein the at least one tube is located on the impact surface of the airbag.

11. (Previously Presented): A motor vehicle according to Claim 10, wherein the at least one tube located on the impact surface extends in an angled upward direction from a lower central area of the impact surface.

12. (Currently Amended): A motor vehicle according to Claim 9, wherein the front airbag further comprising ~~comprises~~ a plurality of openings.

13. (Currently Amended): A motor vehicle according to Claim 9, wherein the front airbag further ~~comprising~~ comprises two symmetrically arranged venting arrangements.

14. (Previously Presented): A motor vehicle according to Claim 10, wherein the tube on the impact surface extends substantially horizontally across the impact surface from a central upper area.

15. (Currently Amended): A motor vehicle according to Claim 14, wherein the front airbag further ~~comprising~~ comprises at least two openings.

16. (Currently Amended): A motor vehicle according to Claim 9, wherein the front airbag is a passenger airbag and the tube is located on an area of the exterior surface of the airbag cover between the impact surface and an instrument panel of the motor vehicle, and the tube extends basically at an angle to the longitudinal direction of the vehicle.

17. (Previously Presented): A motor vehicle according to Claim 16, wherein the tube is located approximately at a knee level of a vehicle occupant.

18. (Currently Amended): An airbag according to Claim 1, wherein the tube is positioned such that upon deployment of the airbag a large occupant of the motor vehicle will contact the tube and block the gas flow to the exterior environment and a small occupant will not contact the tube, permitting the gas flow to continue to the

exterior environment.

19. (Previously Presented): An airbag according to Claim 18, wherein the large occupant includes a fiftieth percentile male.

20. (Previously Presented): An airbag according to Claim 18, wherein the small occupant includes a fifth percentile female.